

# **Third Sunday of Epiphany**

## **Service of Prayer and Praise**

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

*Please join us after this service on Zoom for fellowship and conversation.*

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### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**All We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Call to Worship**

We come this day, Precious God,  
as people in need of your steadfast love:  
**All with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

We gather this day, Water-changing God,  
as people looking for signs:  
**All with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

We worship this day, Gifting God,  
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:  
**All with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

### **Musical Meditation – *The Church's one foundation***

### **Time of Confession**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.

Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*We have a time of silence for reflection*

**All** Lord, we need a miracle today.  
Like Jesus changing water into wine  
at the wedding feast in Cana,  
we need a miracle today.  
We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world  
and the constraints on our life.  
We are discouraged  
in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.  
We need a miracle today, Lord.  
Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,  
will not be moved.  
Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,  
cannot be counted.  
Your glory, like a mighty torch,  
will not be put out.  
Lord, crown us with your love.  
Show us your glory,  
that in you we may be moved  
to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.  
Lord, we need a miracle today.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw *us* to himself  
and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All** Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.

**Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with God in triumph seated  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading – Genesis 14.17-20**

<sup>17</sup> After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

<sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, <sup>19</sup> and he blessed Abram, saying,

‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

<sup>20</sup> And praise be to God Most High,  
who delivered your enemies into your hand.’

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Psalm – adapted from Psalm 33

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

## Gospel Reading – John 2.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

<sup>4</sup>'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon – Bishop Richard**

**Hymn – God is working his purpose out**

**All God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year.  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near.  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**Let us go forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
let the light of the gospel shine  
in the darkness of the world.  
Strengthen the weary, heal the sick  
to set ev'ry captive free,  
that the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Between each petition:*

Lord in your mercy  
**All** hear our prayer.

*At the end the following may be said:*

Merciful Father,  
**All** accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*When we have prayed together, we say the Lord's Prayer:*

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Peace

Jesus said:

'Love one another.

As I have loved you,

so you are to love one another.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** and also with you.

*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

## Church Notices

**Worship Song – Mi Corazón**  
(Performed by Sara, Emer, Rob, Claire and Mike)

My heart is filled with songs of praise  
You gave me hope, You made a way  
Now I long to live in your presence  
For all of my days

My soul sings, my spirit shouts  
With every breath I'm crying out  
I want to live for You alone  
You have captured my heart, Mi corazón  
You have captured my heart, Mi corazón

Amazing grace has rescued me  
You paid the price, You set me free  
I will sing Your praises forever  
My Saviour and King

My soul sings, my spirit shouts  
With every breath i'm crying out  
I want to live for You alone  
You have captured my heart, Mi corazón  
You have captured my heart, Mi corazón

I will give You glory  
Tell the wondrous story  
How You rescued me  
I'm the guilty one  
But You sacrificed Your Son  
Your One and Only  
Now I stand before You blameless and Holy

*Instrumental*

My soul sings, my spirit shouts  
With every breath i'm crying out  
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## Closing Benediction

Go now from this worship,  
remembering that the God who calls us to mission  
also calls us to feasting and dancing.

**All** Let us remember that there are holy days  
described in the Jewish texts,  
in which there is to be no fasting,  
but eating, drinking, and sharing of miracles.

May the one who turned water into wine  
turn our tedium into festival,  
and show us how to alternate  
between commitment  
and carnival.

May God's will be done here where we live;  
may impossible things come to pass.

May we find strength in the journey  
and joy in the struggle,  
through the grace of God,  
Amen.

## Final Blessing

May God,  
whose Son revealed his glory at a wedding in Cana,  
bring you the blessings of his presence.

**All** Amen.

May God,  
whose power turned water into wine,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

**All** Amen.

May God, who works miracles in our lives,  
fill you with his Spirit,  
and change you day by day to reflect his glory,  
until that day when you see him face to face.

**All** Amen.



And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Let us go in peace.

**All We go into the world  
to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory.  
Thanks be to God!**

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